

I am firmly opposed to forcing Internet Providers and Voice-over-IP Telephony providers to open back-doors in their systems to ensure ease of wiretapping. While obviously the monitoring of criminals is an important ability for law enforcement, open back-doors could be easily abused by both governmental agencies as well as "hackers", or determined criminal elements. A supina or court order should always be required for perusal of someone's private internet traffic, whether it be voice traffic or electronic mail. Taking away that basic right to privacy curtails the very freedom our country stands for. I think that in our hurry to make our nation safer, we might be in a hurry to make our nation less free for the innocent, law abiding citizens. Our freedom is the only thing that sets us apart from the rest of the world.